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Description

This is a brief compilation of Norwegian organizations of Nazi character, including Cabinet officials, Nasjonal Samling formations, and labor organizations. The material will be used for a handbook designed for the needs of the U.S. press and radio.

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Name of Collaborationist Organization	Name of Leader	Size of Membership

Norwegian Ministers under the German Reichskommissariat

Police - Jonas Lie
Justice - Sverre Riisnaes
Interior - Wilhelm Hagelin
Church and Education Affairs - Ragnar Skancke
Culture and Enlightenment - Rolf Fuglesang
Agriculture - Th. J. O. Fretheim
Labor - Tormod Hustad
Labor Service - Axel Stang
Maritime Affairs - Kjeld Stub Irgens
Finance - Fredrik Prytz
Commerce (Supply) - Eyvind Blehr
Social Affairs - Johan Lippestad
State and Party Secretary - Finn Thrana

Nazi Parties

NS-Nasjonal Samling — Vidkun Quisling

There are reports of widespread defections from the party. At best the party membership never exceeded 35 or 40 thousand. The present total may not exceed - - - 20,000.

Para-military Formations

HIRD

The Hird is the Norwegian equivalent roughly of the SA formations. Evidently its most flourishing period was late in 1941 and the first half of 1942, when estimates of its membership ran up to 6,000, even 10,000 members. The latter was certainly exaggerated. At the end of 1942 a sober estimate put the figure at some 3,200. Doubtless there has been further decline. Since the autumn of 1942 the chief of the Hird is Oliver Møystad.

Hirdmarine — Leader: Bertil Brun

Hird Aircorps — Leader: Reidar Aagaard was the leader until midsummer of 1943 when he seems to have lost this position because of certain party scandals.

Military Formations

SS Units

Germanske SS Norge is the successor to "Norges SS" (July, 1942) and is patterned roughly after the German Allgemeine SS. The head is Jonas Lie, Minister of Police.

SS Viking Division was composed largely of German units with a scattering of non-German units. One unit was the Norwegian Legion, which saw heavy service on the eastern front. Its numbers at one time may have numbered a thousand men, but late in 1942 the unit was down to 350 men. Little has been heard of the unit recently. Major Quist was its leader for a long time, but a recent report says he has resigned.

SS Ski Battalion Norge. No data on this.

Party Formations

Women's Groups

NSK-Nasjonal Samling Kvinneorganisasjon

In 1941 the leader was Olga Bjoner. She was recently reported under arrest, charged with black market dealings in stolen whiskey.

Women's Hird of NS

In 1943 Randi Roberg was listed as the leader. No figures on membership. One report in June of 1943 said it would be used as a civilian ARP.

Youth Groups

NSUF-Nasjonal Samling Ungdoms-fylking

Leader in 1941 was Bjørn Ostring. The name of Gustav Jonassen later seems associated with this office.

NSSF-Nasjonal Samling Studentfylking. No data on hand.

Youth Hird

A "political kindergarten" for children 4 to 10 years old is under the administration of the Women's Hird.

Girls' Hird — Margrethe Reichelt (?)

No further data on this. Late in 1941 the leader of both the Youth Hird and the Girls' Hird was given as Tulla Hartmark.

Welfare Groups

NSH-Nasjonal Samling Hjelpeorganisasjon

Started in the autumn of 1940, by replacing the relief agency, Norsk Folkehjelp. No data on it.

Labor Groups

LO (Landsorganisasjonen)

This is the national federation of trade unions. Its antecedents are anything but National Socialist, since it was the backbone of much of the support which the Nygaardsvold Government (1935 -) enjoyed. In the case of many other organizations, the LO was also supposed to be "coordinated" but the process affected little more than the administrative ranges of trade union life. The peacetime membership of 350,000 has doubtless suffered some reduction, but there is reason to believe that an appreciable part of the enrollment is intact. It is a sullen rank and file led by Nazi zealots.

The Quisling at the head of LO is Odd Fossum.

Labor Services

Arbeidstieneste

This was a compulsory service started in the spring of 1942. By the end of the year it was reported that 20,000 persons had performed this service.

"General" Froelich Hanssen is in charge of this organization.